

Portability of Certificate Services

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Hi,

I'm in the situation where I need to generate a certificate for an application now so that I can distribute the public root and intermediate certificates to clients in many different organisations. The application won't be in-service for some months to come – but my window for getting the public certs out there is in the next few weeks along with some other software which is being distributed.

So – can I set up a dummy Stand-alone CA now – generate my root and intermediate certificates and then distribute those public keys? Then when we've properly decided on the PKI design for our organisation, install a new CA and import the root and intermediate certificates previously created instead of creating new ones at that time? Then I'll be able to issue further certificates based on my original root and intermediate certificates on my new PKI infrastructure.

Does it matter if the new properly designed PKI uses off-line or Enterprise CAs – does that make a difference to if I can import the previous keys?

Regards,
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